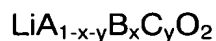


ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Disclosed is a positive active material for a rechargeable lithium battery. The positive active material includes a core including at least one compound represented by Formula 1 and an active metal oxide shell formed on the core.

Formula 1



where $0 \leq x \leq 0.3$, $0 \leq y \leq 0.01$, and

A is an element selected from the group consisting of Co and Mn;

B is an element selected from the group consisting of Ni, Co, Mn, B, Mg, Ca, Sr, Ba, Ti, V, Cr, Fe, Cu and Al; and

C is an element selected from the group consisting of Ni, Co, Mn, B, Mg, Ca, Sr, Ba, Ti, V, Cr, Fe, Cu and Al.